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FM AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6983

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

DIA WASHDC

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 1701

E.O. QQYTWC GDS

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SUBJ: INTERNAL ALIGNMENT OF CHADIAN GOVERNMENT

REF: NDJAMENA 1696

1. DESPITE MY PREDICTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL CONTINUES TO HANG TOGETHER; PERHAPS BECAUSE IT IS HANG TOGETHER OR HANG SEPARATELY, OR PERHAPS BECAUSE SITUATION IS SO BAD NOBODY WANTS TO TAKE IT OVERTHEMSELVES AT THE MOMENT.

2. PRESIDENT MALLOUM HIMSELF APPARENTLY WENT INTO ANOTHER PERIOD OF DEEP DEPRESSION AT THE RENEWAL OF REBELHOSTILITIES, BOUNCED BACK SOMEWHAT WITH THE ARRIVAL OF FRENCH REINFORCEMENTS, BUT WAS SOURLY
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DISAPPOINTED WHEN THE JAGUARS THAT ARRIVED WERE NOT IMMEDIATELY COMMITTED TO ACTION AGAINST REBELS. INSTEAD OF APPRECIATING WHAT FRENCH HAVE DONE TO DATE, HE IS RESENTFUL THEY HAVENOT DONE MORE, AND IS IN AN UNPREDICTABLE MOOD.

3. VICEPRESIDENT DJIME REMAINS CALM IN THE

MIDST OF THE STORM, BUT IN VIEW OF RECENT STRONG
CRITICISM BY FROLINAT RADIO, MUST BE HAVING SECOND
THOUGHTS ON FEASIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING WITH LIBYA.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE REMAINS HARD-LINER
OF GOUP BUT HAS AGAIN BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY
FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER HIS ABSENCE
IS OCCASIONED BY: (A) A DECISION OF MALLOUM TO MITIGATE
DISAGREEMENTS IN NDJAMENA; (B) HIS OWN DESIRE TO BE
AWAY WHILE THINGS WERE GOING BADLY SO THAT HE CAN
RETURN A HERO (OR AT LEAST AN ACCURATE PROPHET
OF DOOM); OR (C) SERIOUS SECRET NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRANCE
AND LIBYA.

5. MINISTER OF EDUCATION GOUARA LASOU REMAINS
BACKER OF QADHAFI, AND TO THIS END MAY HAVE
ACTUALLY BEEN ENGAGED IN ENCOURAGING ACTIONS THAT
TEND TO DEPRECATE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION. FRENCH
AMBASSADOR SAYS GOUARA LASSOU HAS BEEN PUSHING TO
REOPEN NDJAMENA SCHOOLS, AS HE IS SURE STUDENTS
WILL ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST GOVERNMENT
AND THIS WILL STRENGTHEN HIS POSITION.

6. ALL SEEM TO SHARE ONE COMMON BELIEF THAT
THEIR TROUBLES ARE CAUSED BY OUTSIDE INTERVENTION.
NONE SEEM TO REALIZE, OR AT LEAST ADMIT, THEIR ARMY
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HAS NOT FOUGHT WELL.

7. COMMENT: FROLINAT DENUNCIATION OF CEASE
FIRE IS BOUND TO INCREASE PRESSURE BETWEEN VARIOUS
FACTIONS OF SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL. BRADFORD

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